



ASMC Newsletter . . . Mount Vernon Chapter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Patricia Ackerman, CDFM

We have a new web site!! You must take a peek. You can find it at www.hecsa.usace.army.mil/asmc_mtvernon/. Add it to your "favorite" sites. Kevin Brooks, your new webmaster this year, has worked very hard to make our new web site good looking, useful and user friendly. Please go browse for awhile. Let Kevin know what you think. If you have suggestions for making it a better, more informative site, please let him know. This web site is for you so help us make it an effective, helpful, valuable site for your use.

For those of you that weren't able to attend the March tour of the Pentagon with lunch at the Pentagon Executive Dining Room, it was fantastic. Dave Knowlton, your Program Director, did an outstanding job arranging for this tour. The tour guides were very informative and knowledgeable about all of the artifacts displayed throughout the building.

And of course, this month we will once again be having our Professional Development Day at the Springfield Hilton. This year the PDD will be on 17 April. We have several great speakers lined up for the event.

We recently reviewed all the scholarship applications. After carefully scrutinizing them we forwarded two of them on to National ASMC to compete for additional scholarship funds there. The number of scholarships we award ourselves will depend on the success of the PDD. The majority of the funds we earn at the PDD each year pays for the scholarships we award to deserving high school students. So please come out to the PDD and support the scholarship program. I hope to see you there.

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Chapter News



6 March 2003 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

by

Edna Plancon, Secretary

The CEC meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers was called to order at 11:15 by Vice-President Harry Ravert, with the late arrival of President Pat Ackerman. The meeting was held in room 140B in the Casey building at HECSA.

The following Officers were in attendance:

Pat Ackerman, President
Harry Ravert, Vice President
Diane Andrews, Awards & Scholarships Director
Mary Sutton, Membership Director
Dave Knowlton, Program Director
Edna Plancon, Secretary
Steve Breyfogle, Services Director
Kevin Brooks, Web-Master

The following officers were excused:

Rita Roberts/Sherry, Chapter Competition
Marticia Banks-Booker, Education Director
Stacey Royston, Newsletter Director
Deborah McLauren, Publicity & Photography Director
Rose Green, Social & Community Services Director
Jill Karayannis, Treasurer

Information on upcoming luncheons –
The March luncheon will be held on Thursday,
March 13th, in the Executive Dining room at the

Officer's Discussion:

Pentagon following the tour.

President – Pat announced she would get together a nominating committee at the Pentagon tour. They should have a slate of officers ready before the Professional Development Day (PDD).

Dave motioned to pay for lunch for the nominating committee (3) people. Diane – seconded – motion carried.

Pat also announced the Educational Director needs to get flyers ready along with a sample 1556. Also the

booklets set up with information needed, along with biographies on speakers for the PDD.

Vice President - Harry is checking out places to purchase pins or patches to give out at the Professional Development Institute (PDI). He is also checking to see if we are able to block off some hotel rooms for the PDI. He also mentioned we could raffle off Mount Vernon wine at the PDI, which is one way to raise some money.

Harry motioned to reimburse Edna for the masks/decorations for the booth at PDI. Kevin – seconded – motion carried.

Awards & Scholarship – Diane mentioned she has only received 1 application – students have been calling, because of the snow, they were unable to get their applications in the mail. Diane extended the cut off date for 1 week.

Diane motioned we pay for lunch for the nominees for national awards (3) and they be given a chapter coin. Dave – seconded – motion carried.

Chapter Competition Director – Rita/Sherry- No Report.

Education Director - Marticia - No report

Newsletter Director – Stacey – No Report.

Program Director – Dave announced the tour of the Pentagon and lunch in the executive dining room is all set up. Everyone meet at 9:45 on the platform at the escalator, the tour guide will meet you there. Please be on time.

Publicity and Photography Director – Deborah – No Report

Secretary – Edna announced, since she is going TDY she will check the airplane magazine to see if there are any advertisements where we may purchase pins for the PDI.

Services Director – Steve announced the next function will be Professional Development Day, being held at the Springfield Hilton on Thursday, April 17th. Check your newsletter for information.

Chapter News Continued

Social & Community Services Director – Rose sent an e-mail stating she had previously sent an article from their Ethics Office about not being able to work on the March of Dimes at work, or not being able to send e-mails out using the Government e-mail system. She mentioned she has registration cards, and some posters at home, and just needed to find out what we will be doing with the March of Dimes.

Treasurer – Jill – No report.

Web Master – Kevin – Needs information about the speaker from the February Luncheon.

The general consensus is that Stacey is doing a great job with the newsletter, and that Kevin is also doing a great job with the web-site.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Volunteers are needed to help represent the Mount Vernon Chapter at our booth at the chapter fair at the PDI in New Orleans Thursday night, 29 May. The chapter fair runs from 1900 to 2200 and volunteers are needed for half hour shifts. The theme for the Chapter Fair will be "Music, Magic and Masks of New Orleans". Come out and have some fun and represent your chapter at the same time. Please email your information to: Harry.Ravert@us.army.mil or call 806-0526.

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MEMBERSHIP CONRNER CONTINUED

Welcome to our new members!

Nancy Zimmerman Richard Jenkins Victoria Stirrup





USADRM

Welcome to Edna Plancon, new Accountant

Best wishes to our retiring employees: Chris Konrad Diane Goodenkauf Sue Oertel

Congratulations to:

Jill Medina for her promotion to GS-9 at the Army National Guard

Joe Covert for his promotion to GS9 at USAINSCOM Donna Lewis for her promotion to GS12 at the ASA EXM

<u>DLA</u>

DLA would like to welcome two new employees:

Nancy Zimmerman, Budget Analyst (J-83) Richard Jenkins, Budget Analyst (J-83)

Congratulations to Mr. Mark Cunningham, J-83, for winning the J-8 Peer Award for March 2003.

USACE

The Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity (HECSA) Finance and Accounting Branch would like to welcome two new team members as staff accountants, Kim Diep and Jaquelyn McMillian.

DCAA

Ms. H.J. Fleming received her CDFM certification.



Plans are finalized for the Mount Vernon Chapter PDD. The theme this year is "<u>Career Financial</u> <u>Management</u>". The PDD Committee has scheduled an exciting slate of speakers to inform you of changes within DoD and what is up and coming for the new. We will also offer a training seminar on the Defense Financial Management Certification (CDFM)Program. Due to limited space this will be on a first come first serve basis.

When: Thursday, April 17, 2003

Registration: 0700-0800 Seminar: 0800-1630

Where: Springfield Hilton

6550 Loisdale Road Springfield, VA 22150

Fees: \$140 ASMC Members \$150 Non-ASMC Member

Continental Breakfast and Lunch is included in the fee

LUNCHEON MENU

<u>Appetizer</u> Shalimar Salad w/Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Entrée Selections
London Broil w/Sherry Mushroom Sauce
or
Grilled Chicken w/Lemon Pepper Sauce
or
Pasta Primavera with Marinara Sauce

Accompanied By
Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Green Bean and Carrots
Rolls with Butter

<u>Dessert</u> Sherbert with Fan Wafer

Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced-Tea served



ASMC MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER CAREER FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM



Springfield Hilton, Springfield VA Thursday, 17 April

REGISTRATION deadline is Friday, 11 April 2003

COST: \$140.00 for Members and \$150.00 for Non-Members

Make checks payable to ASMC Mount Vernon Chapter RETURN TO:

ASMC MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER ATTN: CAREER FINANICAL MANAGEMENT SEMINAR PO BOX 99 FORT BELVOIR, VA 22060-0099

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AGENDA

| 07:30-08:00 | REGISTRATION/Continental Breakfast |
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| 08:00-08:45 | General Session - Keynote Address by LTG (Ret) McCall |
| 08:45-09:00 | BREAK |
| 09:00-10:15 | (Session 1) |
| | ays Finance & Accounting Environment Roy Higgins |
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| 10:15-10:30 | —··—·· |
| 10:30-11:45 | |
| | nse Business Initiatives by Jenifer Knight Doyle |
| | fied Defense Financial Manager Training – CDFM Trainer |
| | Luncheon - "How to make it to the TOP?" by Linda D. Garvin |
| 13:00-14:15 | |
| a. Defense Travel System is coming soon to you by Linda Rind & Mike Begtol | |
| | fied Defense Financial Manager Training – CDFM Trainer |
| | Defense Travel System (cont'd) |
| | Evaluations – Graduation |
| 16:00-16:30 | Closing Sessions - by Ms. Patricia C. Ackerman, Chapter President |
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PDI 2003: Financial Management... and all that Jazz!

Mark your calendars now for PDI 2003 in New Orleans on May 27 – May 30. Registration for members is \$450, and we will be using nine different hotels to house attendees. Information on exhibiting is located on the ASMC web site at www.asmconline.org/development/pdi8.shtml. Registration information will be mailed to all members by the end of February 2003. Chapters are encouraged to have a booth at the Chapter Fair. Contact Brandy Moss at E-mail: Brandy.Moss@PeoAvn.Redstone.Army.Mil for Chapter Fair information. Additional PDI information is available at www.asmconline.org.

Letter of Condolence to our Friends at NASA

Lawrence J. Lanzillotta, ASMC National President, and LTG (Ret) James F. McCall, ASMC Executive Director forwarded a letter of condolence regarding the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster to Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA Headquarters. This letter can be viewed on the ASMC website at www.asmconline.org/news/index.ep. html?ID=37.

Continuing Professional Education

Individuals who have obtained the Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM) designation must renew that certification with ASMC every two years. To do this, CDFMs must complete 80 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) in every two-year period following the issuance of the certification. The anniversary date for measuring the CPE qualification is two years from the date the CDFM certificate is issued. One unit of CPE is awarded for each 50 minutes of contact time engaged in activities listed below.

- Attendance at relevant formal training courses
- Attendance at relevant college courses
- Attendance at briefing or lectures on relevant subjects
- Attendance at professional conferences
- Teaching and course preparation for relevant subject matter
- Preparation and delivery of briefing and work-related documents outside of the scope of routine business
- Reading of articles in professional journals
- Preparation and publishing articles in professional journals

Individuals are responsible for documenting their own CPE. ASMC recommends that CDFMs record continuing professional education hours in a log, which is readily accessible. The CDFM must provide this log, on request to ASMC National Headquarters. The ASMC CPE policy document can be downloaded from the CDFM website (www.asmccertification.com, then click on "References," then click on "Library," then download selection #4).

www.asmconline.org Bulletin Board

The ASMC website has a bulletin board forum to facilitate communication and networking between chapters. We encourage you to use this forum to exchange information, gather input, and announce chapter programs. Please remember that inquiries for ASMC staff members should be sent via e-mail.



ASMC Issues 1000th CDFM

On December 20, 2002, Ms. Phyllis Snyder, a budget analyst from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, became the 1000th person to successfully complete the three modules of the Certified Defense Financial Manager Examination and earn the CDFM designation. In her job at the Directorate for Resource Management (DRM), Ms. Snyder oversees more than 100 million dollars in resources for the Directorate of Public Works, Directorate of Information Management and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs of Fort Leonard Wood. She has been with the DRM since July 1995, having joined the office after working since 1980 with the Army Continuing Education System as a guidance counselor. Fort Leonard Wood hosts the Army's Engineer School, Chemical School and Military Police School.

AFC - Call for Book Reviews

ASMC is encouraging members to submit book reviews for publication in the "Off the Shelf" section of Armed Forces Comptroller. From time to time, books are published that appear both informative and useful to members of the Department of Defense financial management community. The *Armed Forces Comptroller* plans to regularly print member reviews and, if feasible, will offer extracts of those books. A list of suggested books is located on the ASMC website at www.asmconline.org/news/index.ep.html?ID=35. To submit a book review, please contact Mary Barfield at 800-462-5637 ext. 228.

Scholarship Program

Each year, the ASMC National Scholarship program recognizes outstanding graduating high school seniors for academic achievement by providing financial assistance. The deadline (March 31) for nominations is fast approaching and chapters are encouraged to submit their two nominees. Shown below is the criteria used in selecting winners, as well as points allowed for each section of the nomination form. Rules and forms may be found at www.asmconline.org/national/nspform.doc

Selection Criteria:

- 1. Scholastic Achievements Maximum Points = 12
- 2. Leadership Ability Maximum Points = 10
- 3. Extra Curricular Activities Maximum Points = 10
- 4. Career/Academic Goals Maximum Points = 5
- 5. Financial Need Maximum Points = 7

MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS = 45

6. Other Considerations:

Documentation of selection criteria in the letters of recommendations.



FORT BELVOIR CREDIT UNION NEWS

Tax Time Loan Special- ends April 15th

Until April 15th, Fort Belvoir Federal Credit Union is offering a loan special to help finance you through the tax season. Qualified members can get \$5,000.00 or more (maximum \$25,000) at 6.90% APR for up to 36 months.*

Whether you need some extra money for Uncle Sam or to start that springtime project, take advantage of this great rate before it's too late! Remember, offer ends April 15th. Contact a Member Service Specialist for details to this great special!

To apply:

- Online at www.ftbfcu.org
- Call 703-730-1800
- Contact our 24-Hour Lending service at 888-877-FORT
- Stop by one of our four branch locations

Certain restrictions apply. Above loan example a \$5,000 loan at 6.90% APR for 36 months, payments would be \$154.16. Ask a Member Service Specialist for details.

* No Haggle No Hassle Car Sale

Back by popular demand for two days only! Get dealers' best prices on all of the leading new cars without the Haggle and Hassle of negotiating.

April 12 & 13
(Sat., 9:00- 7:00pm) and (Sun., Noon to 5:00pm)
Patriot Center at George Mason University
4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax, VA
Six miles west of the Capital Beltway just off Braddock road

With incredible rates as low 3.90% APR, get deals on hundreds of new vehicle makes and models! Members who purchase a car with pre-approval will get a \$100 GAS CARD. For maps and complete directions, visit www.patriotcenter.com/pcfacts/directions.shtml

* We support our troops

At this critical time for our nation, we want to express our support to the men and women in our Armed Forces upholding our freedom and to the families awaiting their safe return home.

Many of you, also supporting this cause, ask, "how can I help?" Well, FTBFCU has partnered with the United Service Organizations (USO) for Operation Care Package. This special project offers you an opportunity to send a personal message and financially contribute to care packages that will be delivered to service members.

To donate, visit one of our four branches or visit www.uso.org for more information.

A \$25 donation creates one packet. However, regardless of the amount of funds you have to contribute, all participation makes a difference to our

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troops. May peace be with us all.

* April 10th- "Identity Theft"

Although Identity Theft has been a growing concern in our electronic world, being informed about this issue may be your best defense. This seminar will discuss how identity theft occurs, how thieves use your personal information, and how to minimize your risk. We will also discuss steps to take if you are a victim, resolving credit issues, and what Government resources can help. To reserve your spot, please RSVP Javier Sanyer at (703-781-0334 ext. 4009) before April 9th. All financial seminars are held the second Thursday of the month at the Fort Belvoir Community Club (Noon to 1:00pm).

* National Credit Union Youth Week - (April 14-18)

Young people are not only current and future members, but also consumers who control billions of dollars in economic activity. We will shine the spotlight on how young people earn, spend, save, and manage their own money-and how credit unions help them do so wisely during National Credit Union Youth Week (April 13-19).

This year's theme "Youth Count at Credit Unions" reminds families that youth are welcome to our membership. We have great kids services like the "Planet M" & Googleplex website and wonderful products like Student Visa cards, Student Checking Accounts, Small savers accounts, and more! Stop by and visit one of our branches during April 14-18 to receive a give-away and learn more about our youth products and services.

* FREE Online Bill Pay for all!

Take a vacation from writing checks and using stamps. All members can now enjoy worry-free online bill paying for FREE!

Relax and be assured that your bills are paid on time-when you decide. You're in complete control of your finances with Fort Belvoir Online Bill Pay. Log on to www.ftbfcu.org to experience Online Bill Pay for FREE!

* FREE Checking with Direct Deposit

Are you looking for more options when it comes to your checking account? We've created a FREE checking account to suit your lifestyle. Convenience Checking with Direct Deposit offers absolutely FREE Checking with a complimentary box of checks. The New Year is here. Why not begin with smart money management?

Convenience Checking offers features like no minimum to open, no monthly fees, free overdraft protection, free Bill Pay with a VISA credit card or loan, and a .25 percent discount on new or used car loans. Plus, you get "Anytime- Anywhere" access to your account with BelTel and BOB! The ONLY requirement for Convenience Checking is that you have direct deposit. Come see how easy banking really is! Open a FREE Checking account today.

* Lower your monthly car payments or get \$50

We refinance cars all year round! To apply simply bring in your auto loan information previously financed at another institution. If we cannot lower your monthly payments, we'll give you \$50! Certain restrictions apply.

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Taxes and "It's How Much You KEEP, That Counts!" Written by Joe Riggio

Have you done your taxes yet for 2003? If you still are working on your 2002 taxes just keep on working into your 2003 taxes while you are on roll. Why? To keep as much money that you earned as possible. You earned it, so why just hand it over to the government when with a little thinking and planning you can keep your hard earned money to have some fun! Congress has told the IRS to give Huge Refunds and Deductions to taxpayers, who have a home-based business. If you need one find one or contact me. This is a fantastic way to get increase your income while keeping your day job. It can be fun to when you get involved with a company, product or service that you love. By working a couple of hours at your home based business during the week at something you love can help make you money. It can also save you stax dollars that you would normally pay to the government for your regular job. You can even bave your children working for you and really have a win/win situation. g "It's time for people to begin minding their own business. A job means you're being paid to pmind somebody else's business. In this new economy, you need to mind your own business. The idea that you can go to school, get good grades, find a safe, secure job, and have the company and the government take care of you is fundamentally of the Industrial Age. It was a good program - as long as you were born prior to 1930. People need to stop working for money and learn Now to have money work for them. I see network marketing as one of the primary vehicles through which people can shift their thinking and their efforts. Being a network marketer is really minding your own business." This is a quote from Robert Kiyosaki (Veteran)-- author of "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" and many other books about creating wealth by leveraging your time and money through "Income Producing Assets!" See http://www7.richdad.com/default.jsp. This is just one example on how you can make money by saving on your taxes. For the new tax year, 2003, each business mile is worth a 36-cent deduction (it was 36.5 cents/mile for 2002). So, every 3,000 business miles you put on your vehicle, is worth a little over \$1,000 in tax deductions. Since the average person will put about 15,000 miles on their car this year, if they are all business miles, you'll have more than \$5,000 in tax deductions. (Don't forget to use the IRS' Two-Business Location Rule to convert non-deductible "commuting" miles into tax-deductible business miles.). HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS! You do NOT need to record every movement of your car all year long. The IRS now gives you four choices for documenting the business use of your vehicle(s). You can get details at http://www.kickstartcart.com/app/aftrack.asp? afid=37721. CUT YOUR TAXES in 2003 up to 50%!. of course check with your accountant. If you do not have one I recommend Bill Reagle, CPA oveteran). 703-631-5358. reagle@erols.com. Remember, "It's How Much You KEEP, That Counts! Not how much you Make". **5** Joe Riggio is a 26-year Veteran and author of <u>How To Make a Successful Transition</u>. For ebooks on transition and other articles in this series, visit www.JoeRiggio.com. Rebound and Al-

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